GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5092
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PATENTING OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS
LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pharmaceutical products got patented by the country from April 2000, till date;

(b) whether Hindustan Antibiotic and Torrent Pharmaceuticals have got their products patented; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (Dr. RAMAN SINGH)

(a) Under the Patents Act, 1970 only process patents are granted to inventions in the field of pharmaceuticals. As per the provisions of Section 5 of the said Act, no patents can be granted for product themselves for inventions in the field of pharmaceuticals.

(b) & (c): Do not arise.